

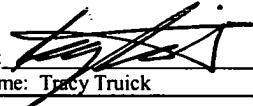


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Serial No.: 09/936,665
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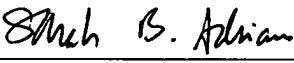
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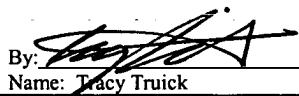


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This communication is being submitted by Applicants as a Request for Certificate of Correction under 37 C.F.R. §1.322 to correct errors contained in the list of inventors, in connection with the above-referenced U.S. Patent. Applicants have determined that the mistake is due to an error made by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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Request for Certificate of Correction under 37 C.F.R. §1.322

Applicants provide an original (**EXHIBIT A**) and one copy (**EXHIBIT B**) of the Patent Office form PTO/SB/44 indicating the errors found in the above-referenced patent.

The corrected errors on form PTO/SB/44 are as follows:

Inventors: Marc H. Hedrick
Prosper Benhaim
Min Zhu.

The error was incurred through fault of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. On November 20, 2003, Applicants filed via mail a Petition for Correction of Inventorship under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b) and the requisite fee of \$130. In the November 20 petition, Applicants requested the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to remove four inventors, including: Adam J. Katz, Ramon Llull, J. William Futrell and Hermann Peter Lorenz.

As evidence that the Patent Office received the November 20 submission, Applicants attach herewith a true and accurate photocopy of the Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b), and the return postcard which shows an "OIPE" stamp from the U.S. Patent Office (**EXHIBIT C**).

Applicants provided to the Examiner, a courtesy copy of the §1.48(b) Petition, via facsimile, on January 21, 2004. As evidence that Applicants sent the January 21 Petition, Applicants attach herewith a true and accurate photocopy of the Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b) and a facsimile transmission sheet (**EXHIBIT D**). Applicants note the Petition was submitted prior to the due date of the Issue Fee.

Concurrently, Applicants are filing a Communication to Examiner Yucel regarding the Petition. A copy of the Communication is attached as **EXHIBIT E**.

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In view of the comments set forth hereinabove and Exhibits A-D, Applicants maintain that the above-mentioned errors in the subject patent occurred through the fault of the Patent Office. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner issue a Certificate of Correction under 37 C.F.R. §1.322 in accordance with the attached form PTO/SB/44. No fee is required for the issuance of a Certificate of Correction under 37 C.F.R. §1.322.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this communication. However, if any fee is necessary, the Patent Office is authorized to charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0306.

There is no due date for submitting this communication. Accordingly, this communication is being timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

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DATED : August 17, 2004

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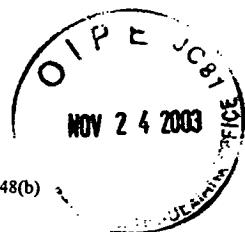
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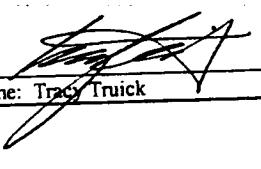
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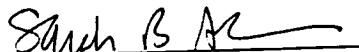
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COMMUNICATION FOR A PETITION FOR
CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b)

Applicants submit the following Petitions to correct the inventorship of the claims in the subject application under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b).

In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b), Applicants provide the following:

1. Petition for Correction of Inventorship under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b) signed by a registered attorney acting in a representative capacity in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.33(b) (**Exhibit 1**);

Additionally, Applicants submit a check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the following:

- (a) fee of \$130.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) for 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b);

The proper and correct inventors in view of the allowed claims are: (1) Marc H. Hedrick, (2) Prosper Benhaim, and (3) Min Zhu. Please change the inventorship accordingly.

Based on a good faith belief at the time of filing, the inventors were properly named in the subject application for the originally filed claims. On December 30, 2002, August 11, 2003 and October 23, 2003, as amendments, Applicants amended claims 1-7, added new claims 139-148, cancelled claims 140-146, and of these claims, claims 1-7, 139 and 147-148 are now allowable.

Four less than all of the originally named inventors are the actual inventors in the invention being claimed. Accordingly, Applicants provide a petition (annexed herewith as Exhibit 1) identifying the inventors who are being deleted and acknowledging that the inventors' invention is no longer being claimed in the application. Additionally, Applicants include a fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i).

No fees, other than the fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.48(b), are deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. If any other fee is necessary, the Patent Office is authorized to charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0306.

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EXHIBIT 1

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**Petition for correction of Inventorship
Under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b)**

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PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b)

Applicants submit this Petition to request correction of inventorship for the subject application under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b) in view of the claims now allowed.

The correct inventors were properly named in the subject application as originally filed. As originally filed, there was no error in including Adam J. Katz, Ramon Llull, J. William Futrell, and Hermann Peter Lorenz in the inventorship of the subject application. During prosecution, claims were amended and canceled, thereby requiring deletion of inventors under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b).

The subject application was originally filed with claims 1-7. In the course of prosecution, Applicants amended 1-7, added new claims 139-148, and cancelled claims 140-146.

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Presently, claims 1-7, 139 and 147-148 are being examined and are allowed.

Adam J. Katz, Ramon Llull, J.William Futrell, and Hermann Peter Lorenz are not inventors of allowed claims 1-7, 139 and 147-148. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that Adam J. Katz, Ramon Llull, J.William Futrell, and Hermann Peter Lorenz be removed as inventors of the claims in the subject application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b), Applicants provide a check in the amount of \$130.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i). No fee, other than the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i), is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. If any fee is necessary, the Patent Office is authorized to charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0306.

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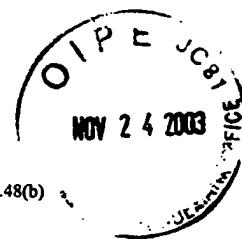
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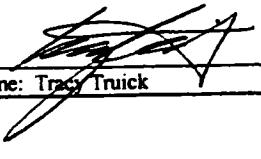
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The proper and correct inventors in view of the allowed claims are: (1) Marc H. Hedrick, (2) Prosper Benhaim, and (3) Min Zhu. Please change the inventorship accordingly.

Based on a good faith belief at the time of filing, the inventors were properly named in the subject application for the originally filed claims. On December 30, 2002, August 11, 2003 and October 23, 2003, as amendments, Applicants amended claims 1-7, added new claims 139-148, cancelled claims 140-146, and of these claims, claims 1-7, 139 and 147-148 are now allowable.

Four less than all of the originally named inventors are the actual inventors in the invention being claimed. Accordingly, Applicants provide a petition (annexed herewith as Exhibit 1) identifying the inventors who are being deleted and acknowledging that the inventors' invention is no longer being claimed in the application. Additionally, Applicants include a fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i).

No fees, other than the fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.48(b), are deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. If any other fee is necessary, the Patent Office is authorized to charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0306.

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EXHIBIT 1

U.S. Serial No. 09/936,665

**Petition for correction of Inventorship
Under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b)**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Adam J. Katz, et al.
Serial No : 09/936,665 **Examiner:** W. Sandals, Ph.D.
Filed : September 19, 2001 **Group Art Unit:** 1636
For : ADIPOSE-DERIVED STEM CELLS AND LATTICES

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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SIR:

**PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b)**

Applicants submit this Petition to request correction of inventorship for the subject application under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b) in view of the claims now allowed.

The correct inventors were properly named in the subject application as originally filed. As originally filed, there was no error in including Adam J. Katz, Ramon Llull, J. William Futrell, and Hermann Peter Lorenz in the inventorship of the subject application. During prosecution, claims were amended and canceled, thereby requiring deletion of inventors under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b).

The subject application was originally filed with claims 1-7. In the course of prosecution, Applicants amended 1-7, added new claims 139-148, and cancelled claims 140-146.

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Presently, claims 1-7, 139 and 147-148 are being examined and are allowed.

Adam J. Katz, Ramon Llull, J.William Futrell, and Hermann Peter Lorenz are not inventors of allowed claims 1-7, 139 and 147-148. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that Adam J. Katz, Ramon Llull, J.William Futrell, and Hermann Peter Lorenz be removed as inventors of the claims in the subject application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b), Applicants provide a check in the amount of \$130.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i). No fee, other than the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i), is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. If any fee is necessary, the Patent Office is authorized to charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0306.

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EXHIBIT E

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Marc H. Hedrick, Prosper Benhaim and Min Zhu
U.S. Serial No.: 09/936,665 **Examiner:** Irem Yucel, Ph.D.
Filed: September 10, 2001 **Group Art Unit:** 1636
U.S. Patent No.: 6,777,231
Issue Date: August 17, 2004
Title: ADIPOSE-DERIVED STEM CELLS AND LATTICES

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Dear Sir/Madam:

COMMUNICATION

Applicants are submitting herein, for a second time, copies of a Petition for Correction of Inventorship under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b) dated November 20, 2003, in connection with the above-referenced patent application.

Applicants initially submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b) and the requisite fee by first class mail on November 20, 2003 (**EXHIBIT A**). As evidence that the Patent Office received the November 20 submission, Applicants attach the return post card which bears an "OIPE" stamp dated November 24, 2004, from the Patent Office (please see **Exhibit A**).

In order to facilitate Correction of Inventorship, Applicants subsequently submitted a first copy of the Petition by facsimile on January 21, 2004 (**EXHIBIT B**).

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Submissions of Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.48(b) occurred prior to the date of payment of the Issue Fee.

The subject application is now granted U.S. Patent No. 6,777,231, issued on August 17, 2004, and despite Applicants' petition, the patent lists the incorrect inventors. On August 25, 2004 Examiner Yucel informed Applicants' representative that the Patent Office has no record of receiving the 1.48(b) Petition submitted on November 20, 2003, or the courtesy copy to the Examiner sent by facsimile on January 21, 2004.

As required by the rules under 37C.F.R. §1.322, Applicants request the Patent Office to enter and respond to the Petition filed November 20, 2003 (copies of which are attached).

In accordance with Examiner Yucel's suggestion, in a separate communication, Applicants concurrently correct the inventorship of the issued patent by submitting a Request for Certificate of Correction (a copy of which is attached as **EXHIBIT C**).

There is no due date for submitting this communication. No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this communication. However, if any fee is necessary, the Patent Office is authorized to charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0306. Accordingly, this communication is being timely filed.

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